

HOUSE BILL 1970

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 18; Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2; Title 54, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 67, Chapter 1, Part 5, relative to qualifications for office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (b) as subdivision (1) and adding the following as subdivision (2):

(2) To qualify for the office of county legislative body, a candidate must also be a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-102(a)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) and substituting:

(B) Be a qualified voter of the district and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for constable;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 11, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

To qualify for the office of trustee, a person must be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for trustee.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

To qualify for the office of register, a person must be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for register.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202(a)(1), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subdivision:

To qualify to run as a member of the board of education, a person must be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for the board of education.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-104(g), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (1) and redesignating the existing subdivision (1) and other subdivisions accordingly:

(1) Be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the qualifying or appointment deadline, as appropriate;

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 1, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

To qualify for the office of assessor of property, a person must be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for assessor of property.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect September 1, 2022, and applies to all persons qualifying to run as a candidate for the affected offices on or after such date, the public welfare requiring it.